

Lexington Town Meeting



Agenda



Deborah Brown, Lexington Town Moderator

Andy Friedlich, Town Meeting Member Association
Executive Committee, Co-Chair of the TMMA
Community Outreach Committee

Question and Answer Session

Town Meeting Overview



Selectman: Executive branch

Town Meeting: Legislative branch

Town Meeting is responsible for:

- * enacting & changing by-laws
- * appropriating money

Town Meeting Overview



- Annual Town Meeting runs March through May. (A Special Town Meeting may also be called.)
- Warrant = Town Meeting agenda.
- Meets every Mon & Wed evening (except holidays) until all articles on the Warrant are dispensed with.
- Procedures & rules proscribed by statute, by-laws, tradition, and "Town Meeting Time."

Town Meeting Members



189 elected members as well as at-large members

9 precincts

21 members per precinct

7 members elected each year to three 3-year terms

Running for Town Meeting



Nomination papers are filed in December

Town election held in March

Town Moderator's Role



- Town Moderator is elected annually.
- Presides over Town Meeting sessions
- Appoints members of financial committees (Appropriation/Capital Expenditures); appoints Minuteman Tech liaison and Cary Lecture Series Committee
- Board member of Mass Moderators' Association

Moderator's Contact Info



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Town Meeting Members Association



The Lexington Town Meeting Members Association (TMMA) was formed in 1936

It was the first such association in the state and given our experience, we've consulted to other towns who have approached us about what we do and how we do it.

Town Meeting Members Association



TMMA provides Town Meeting Members with information for Town Meeting sessions and assists in other ways in the government of Lexington.

The TMMA Executive Committee is made up of the Association officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Clerk, Email List Moderator and Webmaster) as well as the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Clerks from each of the 9 precincts.

TMMA Executive Committee

The TMMA Executive Committee organizes:

- The Warrant Information Report for Town Meetings
- Information sessions before the Town Meeting starts
- The bus tour so members can see major capital items and areas to be impacted by zoning changes prior to Town Meeting
- And partakes in the Town Meeting review with the Town Moderator to discuss what improvements might be made.

The Executive Committee also appoints sub-committees such as the Vote Recording Committee and the Community Outreach Committee

TMMA Community Outreach Committee



The Community Outreach Committee's mission is to increase the communication and accessibility between Town Meeting Members and the community.

Its goal is to generate greater awareness of town governmental issues, provide access to town related information and encourage greater citizen involvement in the political process.

TMMA Community Outreach Committee



This Committee provides information seminars to various groups and organizations to increase the community's understanding of how Town Meeting works and how citizens can become more involved in community activities.

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TMMA Community Outreach Committee



Ways you can become involved in our community include:

Running for Town Meeting

Serving on a town committee

Getting information on the current issues and voting.

TMMA Website



www.lexingtonmma.org

Your source for information on:

- TMMA
- Your Town Meeting Members
- Town Meeting Warrant Articles
- Information on current issues and voting
- Committee and Board Minutes
- Links to Town website